**American Government**

**Study guide – Test 2**

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***Terms to know:***

bipartisan

plurality

political party

electorate

incumbent

ideological parties

splinter parties

precinct

ward

disenfranchised

suffrage

purge

transient

alien

gerrymandering

injunction

off-year election

split ticket voting

political efficacy

closed primary

open primary

direct primary

blanket primary

coattail effect

hard money

soft money

political action committee

indoctrinate

mass media

peer group

public opinion

interest group

mandate

lobbyist

***Topics to be explored:***

1) Ch. 5: Political parties: What are their functions?, 2-party system, minor

parties (types and functions), examples.

2) Ch. 6: By the Constitution, who sets suffrage qualifications? How does the

federal government become involved? 15th Amendment, 19th Amendment.

26th Amendment, Voting Rights Act, 24th Amendment, 26th Amendment.

voter registration, Reasons people vote/do not vote and factors that

influence voting.

3) Ch. 7: Five methods of nomination, differences between the kinds of primaries,

types of ballots, political action committees, public and private sources of

funding, hard and soft money.

4) Ch. 8: Public opinion, how do you measure public opinion, role of mass media

and its limits.

5) Ch. 9: What is an interest group?, how are they differ from political parties?,

functions, types of interest groups, lobbying: direct and indirect approach.